

SENATE No. 543**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act regarding MassHealth applications.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk
Brian A. Joyce	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
James M. Murphy	4th Norfolk
Robert P. Spellane	13th Worcester
Robert L. Rice, Jr.	2nd Worcester
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
James Dwyer	30th Middlesex
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester District
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex
Jay R. Kaufman	15th Middlesex
Robert A. O'Leary	Cape and Islands
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex

David P. Linsky	5th Middlesex
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Geraldo Alicea	6th Worcester
Michael F. Rush	10th Suffolk
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
William G. Greene, Jr.	22nd Middlesex
Martin J. Walsh	13th Suffolk
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REGARDING MASSHEALTH APPLICATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 9 of chapter 118e of the general laws, as amended by chapter 211 of the acts
2 of 2006, is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "long-term care needs of the individuals," the
3 following:-

4 The division shall provide, without requiring prior authorization, for up to sixty (60) days of eligibility
5 for MassHealth home and community based services, including personal care services, for individuals
6 who, upon discharge from an acute hospital, medical center, nursing facility, or health care facility
7 including rehabilitation facilities and state hospitals, are presumed to be financially eligible for the
8 MassHealth program and clinically eligible for home and community based services, as determined by an
9 aging services access point or an independent living center; provided further the division shall
10 promulgate such standards and regulations as may be necessary for the administration of said
11 presumptive eligibility program.